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BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER  
OF THE  
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE  
OF .  
SAN FRANCISCO.

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CUBERY AND COMPANY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS, 536 MARKET STREET.  
1870.

## OFFICERS FOR 1870.

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PRESIDENT,.....A. S. HALLIDIE.  
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W. W. Hanscom,  
Jacob Browning,



# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

“MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE” AND OF PROCEEDINGS

CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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WHEREAS, At the annual meeting of the members of the Mechanics’ Institute, of the City of San Francisco, held in the rooms of the Association, 27 Post street, on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, a resolution was passed unanimously instructing the Board of Directors of the Mechanics’ Institute to take the necessary steps to re-incorporate the Society, under and pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled “An Act to provide for the formation of Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, Mechanics’ Institute, and other kindred protective associations,” approved March 31st, 1866; and in accordance with that resolution of instruction and the said statute, the said Board of Directors, on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1869, passed a resolution directing the President to call a special meeting of the members of the Mechanics’ Institute for the purpose of authorizing the re-incorporation of said Mechanics’ Institute, and a notice for the meeting of the members was published in the *Daily Evening Bulletin*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City and County of San Francisco, for the space of ten days preceding the day of meeting, and of which the following is a copy:

“MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE.—In accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Directors, a special meeting of the

members of the Mechanics' Institute will be held at their Hall, Post street, on Saturday, August 7th, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking action on the matter of proposed re-incorporation of the Society.

(Signed,)

A. S. HALLIDIE,  
*President.*"

GEORGE PARDY,  
*Secretary.*

And whereas, in accordance with the preceding notice, and such other legal and necessary steps as were proper in the premises, a meeting of the members was held, and a quorum being present the following resolution was passed by an unanimous vote:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors of the Mechanics' Institute are hereby directed and authorized to at once re-incorporate the Mechanics' Institute, of the City of San Francisco, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, Mechanics' Institute, and other kindred protective associations." Approved March 31, 1866.

Therefore, in accordance with the above resolution and the said statute, the undersigned, residents of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and officers and members of the Mechanics' Institute in the City and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that we have associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation, for the purpose of the advancement, protection and improvement of the Mechanic Arts and Sciences, to be styled the "Mechanics' Institute," and to that end we have agreed and do by these presents agree to and enter into the following Articles of Association and Agreement:

#### ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

The corporate name and title of this Association shall be "MECHANICS' INSTITUTE."

#### ARTICLE II.—*Location.*

The location of this Association shall be in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

#### ARTICLE III.—*Object.*

The designs and objects of this Association are to cultivate a social feeling of friendship and the mutual improvement of



its members; the dissemination of information and useful knowledge by the establishment of a Library of circulation and reference, a Museum and Reading Room, the formation of classes and delivery of lectures for tuition, the collection of a Cabinet, scientific apparatus, works of art, the purchase of property and erection of buildings for the requirements of the Institute and for any scientific, mechanical, and literary purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—*Term of Existence.*

The term of existence of this Association shall be fifty years from and after the filing of this certificate.

ARTICLE V.—*Trustees.*

A. S. Hallidie, Joseph R. Wilcox, Henry L. Davis, John H. Gilmore, George Pardy, David R. Coleman, William C. Pease, Henry C. Macy, W. W. Hanscom, H. P. Herrick, John Hancock, Jacob Browning, I. M. Scott and Joseph Britton shall be the first Board of Trustees, and shall serve for the term of six months.

ARTICLE VI.—*Property.*

No shares of stock nor any individual right in the property of this Association shall exist or be acquired during the existence of the Association, but the property belonging to, and in the name of the Mechanics' Institute, shall be held in trust by the Trustees for this Association, and never be diverted from the purposes and intention for which it is organized.

ARTICLE VII.—*Administration.*

SEC. 1. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a Board of fourteen Trustees, who shall be residents of the City and County of San Francisco, seven of whom shall be elected annually, by the members, on the first Monday in June, to serve two years.

SEC. 2. On the first Thursday following election, the Board of Trustees shall elect, by ballot, from their number, a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Plurality of votes shall elect.

SEC. 3. The Association shall have a Seal, the device being a circular legend, consisting of the words, "Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco, 1855, California," (letters and figures being reversed) enclosing a design consisting of a shield bearing a bee-hive, above which is a plumb-line and leveler crossed, surmounted by compass, square and rule intertwined; at left of shield is an anvil with hammer resting against it; at the right an anchor projects its flukes from behind shield; at each side, above shield, is a cornucopia turned down; above the shield is a pair of scales in true balance, the bowls of the scales supporting ends of scroll bearing motto, "Be Just and Fear Not;" in the middle, above scroll, is a bent arm holding hammer in hand, the forearm crossing beam of scales.

SEC. 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In case of his absence or inability from any cause, the Vice President, or in absence of both, the Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number President *pro tem*. who for the time being shall exercise the full powers of President.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall fill all vacancies which may occur in its own body, subject to the approval of the Institute at its next meeting, and are authorized to create and appoint such officers or agents as they may think proper for the management of the Association, and the Board may adopt By-Laws and Regulations for the management of the affairs of the Association—change, alter or repeal the same—provided such By-Laws and Regulations are not inconsistent with the law of the State or these presents.

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees are authorized to receive and hold in trust for the Association, such bequests, donations and endowments as may be proper for the furtherance of the objects of its organization, and to carry out the wish and intention of the donor, consistent with the corporate articles of the Association and laws of the State.

SEC. 7. In the administration of the affairs of the Association, the Board of Trustees shall be guided primarily by the following principles:

To preserve inviolate the integrity of the Mechanics'

Institute. Devotion to progress in technical education and the economic industries. Diffusion of knowledge at the least expense to the seeker.

SEC. 8. For the transaction of business seven Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—*Membership.*

SEC. 1. Any person of good character may become a full member of this Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. 1st. By signing the Constitution and By-Laws. 2d. Paying an entrance fee of one dollar. 3d. Paying one dollar and fifty cents dues quarterly, in advance.

SEC. 2. Any non-resident person of good character and not objectionable to the Board of Trustees, can have the use of the Rooms of the Association on the payment of fifty cents per month in advance.

SEC. 3. As soon as the finances of the Association shall permit, the Board of Trustees shall make arrangements for a Reading Room, which shall be free to all persons of good moral character, and who shall be satisfactory to the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 4. Failure to pay dues for the space of six months shall be a forfeiture of membership.

SEC. 5. Persons otherwise eligible can become life members on payment of fifty dollars, which shall entitle them to all the privileges of membership and an exemption from all dues or assessments during their lives.

SEC. 6. All members in good standing of the Mechanics' Institute of the City of San Francisco are hereby declared members of the new organization under these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE IX.—*Election.*

SEC. 1. Election shall be by ballot and by such members as shall attend in person.

SEC. 2. Each member who shall have complied with Article VIII, Section 1, at least six months previous to such election, and who is not delinquent, shall be entitled to one vote in the election of Trustees.



SEC. 3. The election of Board of Trustees shall take place annually, on the first Monday in June of each year, and shall be held under the superintendence of three Judges selected from the members by the Board of Trustees for the time being. At least twenty days' notice shall be given of such elections in two of the daily city papers.

SEC. 4. In case the election of officers should not take place on the day fixed by the Constitution, it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to give notice of an election to take place as soon thereafter as practicable, from the date of the day upon which the election should have been held; and in such case the officers of the Institute shall remain in office until such election is held and their successors are qualified.

SEC. 5. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees previous to the annual election, a committee of three shall be appointed by the Board, outside their own body, to qualify and install the officers elect; and it shall be the duty of this committee to see that all of the provisions of the Constitution relative to the election of officers are carried out, and to formally administer the following obligation to each officer elect, within two weeks following his election:

“I (or we) ..... having been duly elected Trustee of the Mechanics' Institute, do promise faithfully and honestly to perform the duties of said office, and to support and advance the best interests of the Association.

Signed this....day of....., 18...

In presence of

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.....	} <i>Installing Committee.”</i>
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The above obligation having been duly administered and signed, the party so signing, being otherwise qualified, shall be declared duly installed, and shall enter upon the performance of his duties immediately thereafter; and in the event of failure to qualify within the specified time, the office of the person so failing shall be declared vacant.



ARTICLE X.—*Vacancies.*

SEC. 1. Any vacancies occurring in the elected officers of the Institute, the Board of Trustees shall have power to fill the same, subject to the approval of the Institute at its next meeting.

ARTICLE XI.—*Officers.*

SEC. 1. The officers of this Institute shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Board of Trustees from its members.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Institute and of the Board of Trustees, and preserve order, and in case of an equal division upon any question, shall give the casting vote.

SEC. 3. The President shall have the power to call special meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Institute whenever he may deem it expedient.

SEC. 4. The President, at the expiration of his term of office, or oftener if so required by the Institute, shall make a written report of the general doings of the Institute and suggest such means as may seem to him best calculated to promote its prosperity.

SEC. 5. The Vice President shall preside and perform all the duties of the office of President in the absence or disqualification of that officer.

SEC. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the organ of the Institute in its conference with other societies and the public. He shall make a record of all letters written by him in a book kept for such purpose. All letters or other communications addressed to or intended for the Institute he shall cause to have filed in a suitable place in the library room.

SEC. 7. The Recording Secretary shall affix his name to all the advertisements and notices emanating from the Board of Trustees of the Institute. He shall attend all meetings, and in the absence of the President and Vice President, shall call the same to order, and shall truly and at large record the proceedings of the Institute, together with the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, in books kept for that purpose.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds of the Institute, (except the property and funds invested in the name of the Board of Trustees) subject to the order of a majority of the Board of Trustees, signed by the President and Recording Secretary. He shall make a monthly report, exhibiting in detail his receipts and disbursements, and the balance in the treasury, and, if invested, how. And for the better security of the trust confided to him, he shall give to the Board of Trustees a bond in the sum of three thousand dollars, with two sureties, to be approved of by the Board of Trustees, who shall have power to increase the bond as they may deem proper. He shall keep a regular account of the financial affairs of the Institute, an abstract of which, accompanied by satisfactory vouchers, he shall exhibit at each annual meeting. At the expiration of his term of office, or on resigning, or disqualification, he shall hand over to his successor all books, vouchers, moneys and papers of the Institute in his possession.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees shall be vested with full power to appropriate funds, enact By-Laws, and conduct the affairs of the Institute.

SEC. 10. The removal from this State of any officer, or the voluntary absence of a Trustee from three successive regular meetings of the Board, shall disqualify him from exercising the duties of his office, and shall be equivalent to a tender of his resignation.

#### ARTICLE XII.—*Meetings.*

SEC. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Institute on the first Thursday in June for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Board of Trustees, exhibiting the state of the Library, finances and property, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

SEC. 2. At all the meetings of the Institute, at least fifteen members must be present for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. There shall be quarterly meetings of the Institute on the first Thursday in the months of September, December, March and June, at such hour as the Board of Trustees may designate.

SEC. 4. The President, at the request of the Board of

Trustees or by the written request of ten members, stating the reason thereof, shall call a meeting of the Institute for transacting special business, giving three days' notice thereof in two daily city papers.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Finances.*

SEC. 1. No debt shall be incurred by the officers or members of the Mechanics' Institute for any reason whatever, except to purchase land and erect buildings thereon for the use of the Institute.

SEC. 2. Ten *per centum* of the funds arising from dues, contributions, lectures and other sources not herein named shall be appropriated as a sinking fund and placed out at interest in a secure incorporated Savings Bank in the City of San Francisco, to be used—first, for paying the taxes on the property of the Association; second, for the reduction of the mortgage debt; third, as an accumulated fund, subject to the disposition of the members, as required by the Constitution. The remainder of the funds arising from dues, contributions, lectures and other sources not herein named, shall be appropriated as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time direct.

SEC. 3. All documents affecting the funds of the Institute must be authorized by a majority of the Trustees present at any meeting and signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

SEC. 4. Librarians and subordinate officers shall receive such compensation as the Trustees shall from time to time determine; but in no case shall they be appointed from the elected officers of the Institute.

SEC. 5. No pecuniary compensation shall be allowed members of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XIV.—*Neglect of Official Duty.*

SEC. 1. In case of flagrant official misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of a member of the Board, the Trustees shall have power, by a vote of two-thirds of their members, to expel the offending member; from which action, however, an appeal shall be allowed at the next meeting of the Institute.



ARTICLE XV.—*Expulsions.*

SEC. 1. If any member shall wantonly create a disturbance at any meeting of the Institute, or devise or take part in any measure designedly to injure the Institute, or shall purposely deface the books, building, rooms or appurtenances thereof, he may be expelled and deprived of membership by the vote of those present at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, subject to an appeal to the Institute at the next meeting.

ARTICLE XVI.—*Alterations and Amendments.*

SEC. 1. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, notice being given three months previously specifying the proposed amendment.



## B Y - L A W S .

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### ARTICLE I.—*Board of Trustees.*

SEC. 1. Semi-monthly meetings of the Board shall be held at the rooms of the Institute on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at half past seven o'clock P. M.

SEC. 2. The President may call special meetings, and three members may have a special meeting convened through the President. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. On taking the chair, the President shall call the Board to order, and the Secretary shall call over the list of members alphabetically, recording the absentees, when he shall read the minutes of the last meeting.

SEC. 4. At meetings of the Board of Trustees, business shall be proceeded with in order as herein set down: Roll call; reading of minutes of last meeting; reports of standing committees; reports of special committees; report of Treasurer; report of Librarian; communications; unfinished business; new business.

### ARTICLE II.—*Committees.*

SEC. 1. At the first meeting after the election of the Board, or as soon thereafter as may be, the President shall appoint the Standing Committees of the Board. To consist of three members each :

*First*—Committee on Library, Rooms and Building.

*Second*—Committee on Ways and Means and Accounts.

*Third*—Committee on Books and Donations.

*Fourth*—Committee on Lectures and Classes.

Each of which Committees shall present a written report quarterly.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means and Accounts to examine, from time to time, into the finances of the Board; to see that all dues are paid; to devise ways by which the means of the Institute may be increased; to take into consideration any reports or propositions relating to the treasury; and generally to have a supervision over the financial department of the Institute, and to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and certify to the correctness of the same. The Treasurer's books shall be open at all times to any member of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Library, Rooms and Building, shall have supervision of the rooms, furniture and books of the Institute, see that they are properly arranged, and kept in good order, and report to the Board monthly the condition of the same.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Books and Donations to examine and report monthly upon suitable books, and works of art for the Institute; to acquire these by purchase; to solicit and accept donations of books and other articles suitable for the Institute; and recommend, from time to time, the purchase of new works.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Lectures and Classes, to provide lectures on general and popular topics as often as the Board of Trustees may direct, and to form classes for instruction in such branches as may be deemed advisable by the Board.

SEC. 6. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

### ARTICLE III.—*Librarian.*

SEC. 1. The Librarian shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees; and for the moneys, books and other property temporarily committed to his charge, he shall file with the President a legal bond, with one or more sureties, approved by the Board of Trustees, in the sum of one thousand dollars, which bond may be increased at the pleasure of the Board.

SEC. 2. He shall endeavor, in all suitable ways, to increase the number of subscribers, and collect their subscriptions; and for all moneys coming into his hands, belonging to the

Institute, he shall account to the Treasurer on the first Monday in each month throughout the year, or oftener if required, taking duplicate receipts of the Treasurer for the same—one of which duplicates shall be filed with the Committee on Ways, Means and Accounts monthly ; he shall also keep such books of accounts as the Board may direct.

SEC. 3. The keys of the Institute shall be in his possession, and in case of absence from duty, he shall deliver them to the President.

SEC. 4. He shall be punctual in opening and closing the Institute at the hours named in the Rules, and these hours shall be exclusively devoted to the interests of the Institute. He shall cause the rooms to be kept in order, properly warmed, cleaned and ventilated, and the books and furniture kept free from dust. He shall be gentlemanly and courteous to the members, and do all in his power to further the interests of the Institute.

#### ARTICLE IV.—*Deeds and Papers.*

SEC. 1. All deeds, leases, bonds, contracts and other valuable papers, shall be deposited in the hands of the President of the Institute, which, in the event of his resignation or death, shall be placed in the hands of the Vice President, who, on the new President coming into office, shall deposit them with him.

#### ARTICLE V.—*Elections.*

SEC. 1. All elections or appointments made by the Board of Trustees shall be by ballot.

#### ARTICLE VI.—*Amendments.*

SEC. 1. It shall require a vote of the majority of all members elect to alter or amend these By-Laws, notice for the same having been given in writing two weeks previously.

SEC. 2. It shall require an unanimous vote of the members present, at any meeting, to suspend these Rules or By-Laws.



# RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

REGULATION OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE INSTITUTE AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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SEC. 1. The President shall preserve order, and may speak to points of order in preference to members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to appeal, as is usual.

SEC. 2. When any member is about to speak, he shall address the President, and confine himself strictly to the question under discussion.

SEC. 3. When a motion or resolution is made, it shall be handed, if in writing, to the Secretary, and by him re-read before it is debated; and every resolution shall be reduced to writing, if a member desires it.

SEC. 4. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute for the motion or resolution under debate. Any member, however, may call for a division of the question when the sense admits of it.

SEC. 5. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a given day, to commit, to amend—which several motions shall take precedence in the order as here arranged. Motions to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking, and shall be put without debate.

SEC. 6. If at any meeting a member doubt the decision of a vote, he may call for a division, and the members voting on



each side shall then be counted by tellers appointed for that purpose by the President, and the result declared by him.

SEC. 7. No member who did not vote with the majority on any question shall move the reconsideration of the vote. Reconsideration of questions can only be had at a first subsequent meeting, notice having been given at the previous meeting.

SEC. 8. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

SEC. 9. A motion for amendment, until decided, shall preclude further amendments of the main question.

SEC. 10. Motions and reports may be committed, at the pleasure of the meeting.

SEC. 11. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved ; and in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

SEC. 12. The yeas and nays shall be entered on the minutes at the call of any two members.

SEC. 13. The meeting may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole at any time, when propositions made shall not be entered on the journal, without they are carried in committee ; and when in committee, the President shall leave the chair and appoint a chairman.

SEC. 14. If at any meeting questions should arise that are not treated upon above, they shall be decided upon by appeal to "Cushing's Manual."

## REGULATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY.

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SEC. 1. The Library shall be open every day throughout the year, from 9 o'clock A. M., until 10 o'clock P. M., excepting Saturday evening, when it shall be closed at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M., Sundays, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day excepted.

SEC. 2. The Librarian shall keep a full and accurate catalogue of all the books, magazines, maps, charts, and works of art belonging to the Institute, and arrange them in proper order; he shall make a record of all books and other donations presented to the Institute, in a book provided for that purpose, with the names of the donors, and make suitable acknowledgments of the same.

SEC. 3. He shall register in a book prepared for that purpose, and to be kept in the Library Room, the names of each member of the Institute, and shall in no case deliver a book to any member until the name of such member shall have been so registered.

SEC. 4. He shall enter, in a book kept for that purpose, the title of every volume delivered by him; the name of the person to whom delivered; the time of taking and returning the same, together with the forfeitures arising from every default.

SEC. 5. He shall collect all dues and forfeitures incurred by the members, and account for the same to the Treasurer, as herein before provided.

SEC. 6. He shall submit to the Board of Trustees a monthly report, stating the amount of moneys received and expended by him; report the names of such members as may refuse to

pay their dues and forfeitures, or lose or damage any book belonging to the Library; the names of all delinquents, with the amount of dues remaining unpaid; and recommend the adoption of such measures as he may judge necessary for the greater efficiency and usefulness of the Institute.

SEC. 7. He may forbid any person, *excepting members of the Board*, to remove a book from its place in the Library, without his permission.

SEC. 8. He shall replace the books in proper order upon the shelves as soon as convenient after they are returned, having first examined them with care, and ascertained whether they have been injured or defaced.

SEC. 9. He shall ascertain, during the months preceding the quarterly meetings of the Institute, by the examination of the account of each member, the book or books not then returned to the Library; and shall cause the same to be procured of the members in default.

SEC. 10. He shall deliver to any member applying personally, or to his written order, one volume if it be a folio or quarto, and two if an octavo or duodecimo, or volume of less size.

SEC. 11. Every member may detain each book or books as aforesaid, if it be a folio or quarto, four weeks; an octavo, three weeks; or a book or books of less size, two weeks, except new publications, which, until they shall have been in the Library two months, shall not be detained, an octavo longer than two weeks, and books of less size one week, and which shall not be renewed. No book shall be reserved by the Librarian for any Trustee or member.

SEC. 12. Any member who shall detain a book or books longer than the time above limited, respectively, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian, for every day a volume is so detained, if it be a folio, ten cents; a quarto, five cents; an octavo, a duodecimo, or smaller volume or pamphlet, two cents.

SEC. 13. If any member lose or injure a book, he shall make the same good to the Librarian; and if the book lost or injured be one of a set, he shall pay to the Librarian, for the use of the Institute, the full value of the said set, and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his property.

SEC. 14. No member shall be permitted to receive a book

from the Library until he shall have paid all sums due from him to the Institute, and made good all damages and losses which he may have occasioned.

SEC 15. No member shall be permitted to speak in a loud tone of voice, or wear his hat in the Library Room.

SEC. 16. Books of reference, and such others as may, from time to time, be specially designated by the Board, shall not be taken from the Library, except by special permission of the Board of Trustees: *provided, however,* that newspapers, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and atlases, shall in no case be taken from the Library Room.



## REGULATIONS FOR THE READING ROOMS.

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SEC. 1. The Reading Rooms shall be opened every day throughout the year, from nine o'clock A. M., until ten o'clock, P. M., excepting on Sundays, when the Reading Rooms will be open from ten o'clock A. M., to nine oclock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SEC. 2. Loud conversation and smoking shall not be permitted, except in a room set apart for those purposes.

SEC. 3. No member shall assume the liberty of arranging the books or periodicals upon the tables, or performing any of the duties that devolve upon the Librarian.

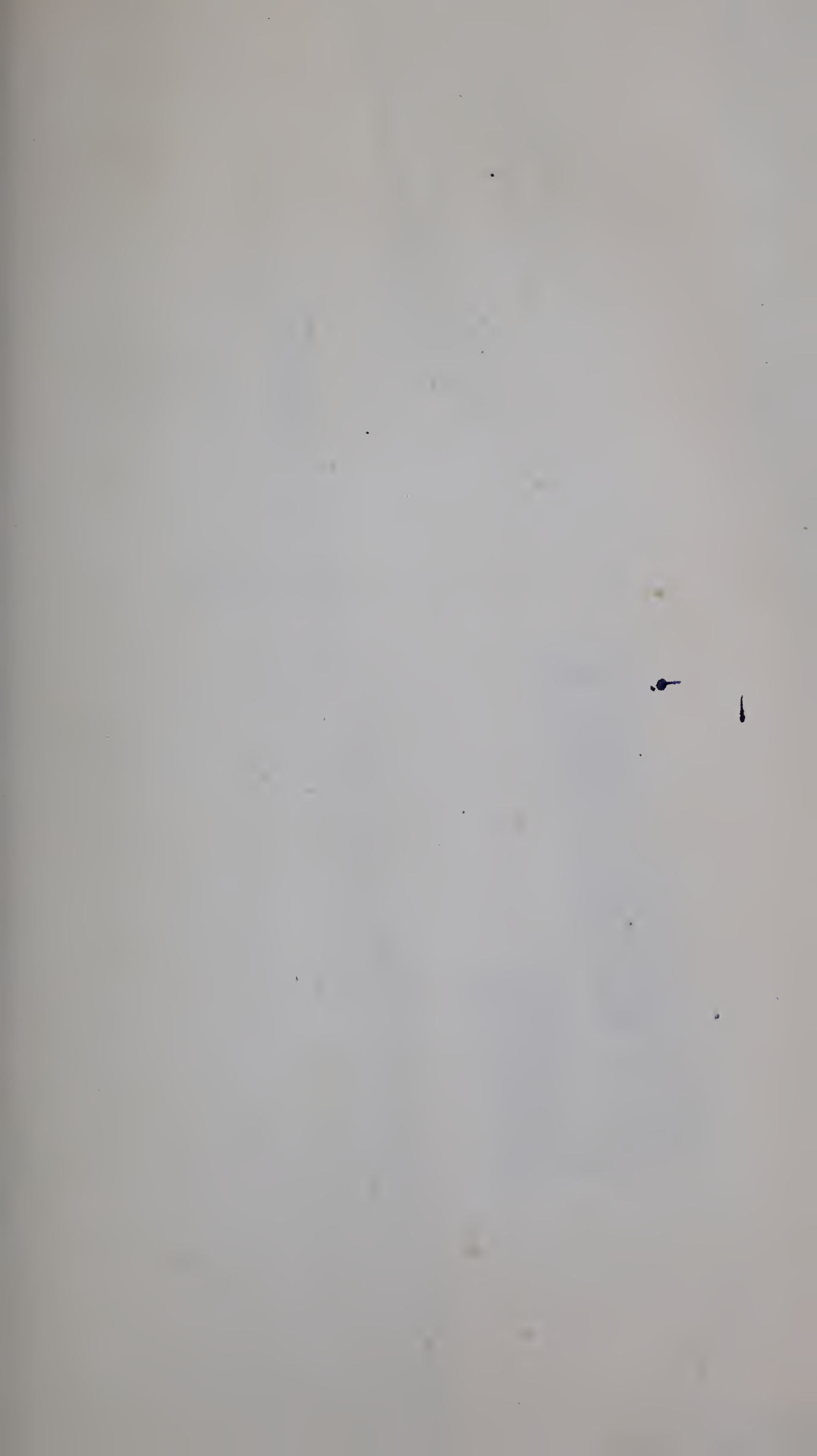
SEC. 4. Any member may have the privilege of introducing a friend, not a resident of the city, whose name shall be registered by the Librarian in a book kept for that purpose, and who shall receive a ticket of admission for the term of one month.

SEC. 5. None but members shall be permitted the privileges of the Institute unless introduced by a member.

SEC. 6. No member shall be allowed to remove papers from the files, or books, plates, or periodicals from the Reading Rooms.

SEC. 7. Should a member transgress any article in these Regulations, he shall be reported to the Board of Trustees, who may take such measures thereon as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 8. The Regulations of the Library and Reading Rooms shall not be altered, amended or suspended, unless by the votes of seven members of the Board of Trustees present at a regular meeting, notice being given for that purpose.









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